

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11 and 12 are pending.

Claims 2-8 and 11 have been allowed.

Claims 1 and 9 were rejected in the last office action.

Claim 12 is a newly added claim.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 and 9, as amended, and new claim 12 for the following reasons.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The examiner indicated that claim 1 was indefinite because "It is not clear which bandwidth applicant is claiming since there is not indication in the claim that bandwidth was previously allocated".

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that:

"said trunk interconnection resources providing a first amount of bandwidth that can be allocated to said computer data traffic or to said telephone traffic" and that it is the "the amount of said first bandwidth" that is allocated.

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 USC §101 because the recited software program was not embedded on a computer readable medium. Claim 9 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, on the basis that there was not sufficient antecedent basis for the limitation "the public telephone system" and "each of said systems".

Claim 9 has been amended to specify that the flow classification program and the filtering program are embedded on an electronic medium. Claim 9 has also been amended to eliminate the limitation "each of said systems" and to positively recite "a public telephone system".

Newly added claim 12 specifically recites an "electronic medium having embedded thereon" computer programs.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-9, 11 and 12, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

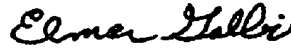
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